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APPLICANT: Chu *et al.*
SERIAL NO.: 10/017,012 GROUP NO.: 3731
FILING DATE: December 14, 2001 EXAMINER: Not yet assigned
TITLE: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR GUIDING A NEEDLE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

Applicants hereby make of record the existence of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/450,599, which was filed on November 30, 1999, and which claims the benefit of and priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/131,058, which was filed on April 26, 1999, and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/136,291, which was filed on May 27, 1999.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **filing date** of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), or within three (3) months of the **date of entry of the national stage** as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.491 in an international application, or before the mailing of the **first Office action** on the merits, or before the mailing of a **first Office action** after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **final action** or a **notice of allowance** under 37 C.F.R. 1.311, and
- ☐ the requisite Statement is below, **OR**

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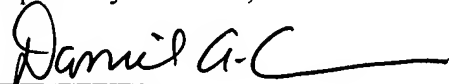
It is respectfully requested that each of the patents and publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

As required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), Applicant(s), through the undersigned, hereby state either that [check the appropriate space only if either (2) or (3) is checked on the previous page and the Statement is required]:

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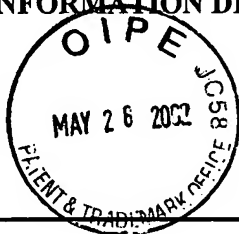
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	A3	2,705,949	4/12/55	Silverman			8/25/53
	A4	3,349,762	10/31/67	Kapany			10/21/64
	A5	3,356,089	12/5/67	Francis			3/1/65
	A6	3,457,922	7/29/69	Ray			12/13/66
	A7	3,538,916	11/10/70	Wiles <i>et al.</i>			12/19/68
	A8	3,556,085	1/19/71	Takahashi			2/26/68
	A9	3,941,121	3/2/76	Olinger <i>et al.</i>			12/20/74
	A10	3,961,621	6/8/76	Northeved			1/24/75
	A11	4,187,848	2/12/80	Taylor			11/13/78
	A12	4,230,123	10/28/80	Hawkins, Jr.			10/31/78
	A13	4,269,192	5/26/81	Matsuo			6/1/79
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	A16	4,356,822	11/2/82	Winstead-Hall			10/17/80
	A17	4,401,124	8/30/83	Guess <i>et al.</i>			8/13/81
	A18	4,405,314	9/20/83	Cope			4/19/82
	A19	4,485,815	12/4/84	Amplatz <i>et al.</i>			8/30/82
	A20	4,512,351	4/23/85	Pohndorf			11/19/82
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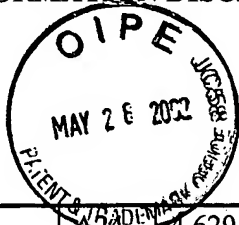
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	A26	4,645,490	2/24/87	Rosenberg			12/18/84
	A27	4,668,222	5/26/87	Poirier			5/25/84
	A28	4,693,703	9/15/87	Rosenberg			10/17/86
	A29	4,705,510	11/10/87	Rosenberg			10/17/86
	A30	4,710,171	12/1/87	Rosenberg			6/9/86
	A31	4,718,433	1/12/88	Feinstein			12/5/85
	A32	4,750,487	6/14/88	Zanetti			11/24/86
	A33	4,787,892	11/29/88	Rosenberg			1/4/88
	A34	4,834,708	5/30/89	Pillari			3/31/87
	A35	4,869,259	9/26/89	Elkins			5/17/88
	A36	4,874,376	10/17/89	Hawkins, Jr.			4/13/87
	A37	4,886,502	12/12/89	Poirier <i>et al.</i>			12/9/86
	A38	4,897,081	1/30/90	Poirier <i>et al.</i>			2/17/87
	A39	4,899,729	2/13/90	Gill <i>et al.</i>			8/3/88
	A40	4,945,895	8/7/90	Takai <i>et al.</i>			3/20/89
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	A42	4,981,142	1/1/91	Dachman			6/24/88
	A43	4,997,424	3/5/91	Little			4/5/89
	A44	4,998,938	3/12/91	Ghajar <i>et al.</i>			6/9/88
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	A55	5,129,911	7/14/92	Siczek <i>et al.</i>			3/11/91
	A56	5,135,001	8/4/92	Sinofsky <i>et al.</i>			12/5/90
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	A59	5,201,314	4/13/93	Bosley <i>et al.</i>			1/21/92
	A60	5,201,742	4/13/93	Hasson			4/16/91
	A61	5,221,269	6/22/93	Miller <i>et al.</i>			10/15/90
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	A66	5,263,938	11/23/93	Orr <i>et al.</i>			1/28/92
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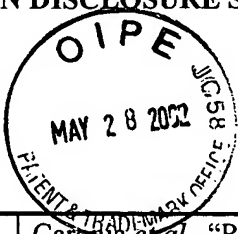
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	A104	5,902,231	5/11/99	Foley <i>et al.</i>			10/24/96
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	A107	6,006,750	12/28/99	Field			4/30/96
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